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1. During May 1951 the Metalimex firm in Prague, Czechoslovakia, purchased 445 tons of nickel speiss from the Tehran firm of Mohsen Djourabchi. Shipments of 319 tons in early May and 126 tons in late May 1951

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2. The nickel was obtained from the mine in Anarak which is exploited by the Iranian Metal Mining Company, a Tehran firm.

3. The Metalimex has ordered 1,000 additional tons of this nickel. However, [redacted] no mined nickel was available in early June 1951 and therefore it was planned to expedite the mining of this nickel in large amounts at Anarak.

25X1X 1   Comment. The Anarak mine has been opened recently (sic) as a result of the demand for nickel and the high prices offered. The nickel from this mine is reported to be of very high quality. However, transportation from Anarak is difficult, the metal being brought out mainly on donkey or camel backs.

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